

# *Arts Education Week 2006*



**Governor Chris Gregoire has proclaimed that May 14-20 2006 is Arts Education Week in Washington State.**

***What can YOU do to recognize the importance of learning in and through the arts, and make this a meaningful celebration in your city, community or school?***

**Join us in working on these three goals:**

- Get the word out!
- Encourage and promote local celebrations of arts education
- Seek community commitments to support and improve high quality arts education for all students *all year long* – and have even more to celebrate next year!

## ***State-level events happening during Arts Education Week:***

Monday, May 15: WSAC Arts Education Convening: Tri-Cities

Tuesday, May 16: WSAC Commission Meeting: Tri-Cities

Thursday, May 18: ArtsEd Washington's Annual Meeting: Seattle

Friday, May 19: OSPI's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Superintendent's High School Art Show: Olympia

All Week: Arts Education recognition and book displays at Barnes & Noble stores

## ***What are the key arts education events happening in YOUR area?***

Email [info@artsedwashington.org](mailto:info@artsedwashington.org) and let us know! Tell us about the event and let us know what you are doing to connect to Arts Education Week.

## **What can YOU do to support Arts Education Week?**

### **Things EVERYONE can do:**

- Join ArtsEd Washington! Demonstrate your support for arts education and support their statewide work. Go to [www.artsedwashington.org](http://www.artsedwashington.org)
- Attend the ArtsEd Washington Annual Meeting at the Seattle Asian Art Museum on May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30 p.m. This meeting is free and open to all, and a great opportunity to learn more. Visit [www.artsedwashington.org](http://www.artsedwashington.org) for details.
- Let ArtsEd Washington know about what's happening in your community. They will post a list of cities and organizations marking the week and will have a calendar of arts education events also.

- Go to [www.arts.wa.gov](http://www.arts.wa.gov) to access information about Arts Education Week, including a PDF of the governor's proclamation, and the Arts Education Week logo that is available for everyone's use. You can access this through ArtsEd Washington's website also. In fact, download the logo and link to it from *your* website!
- Write to the editor of your local paper. Explain why the arts are essential to the curriculum for all students, or write about the significance the arts played in your own education. Visit <http://capwiz.com/artsusa/wa/state/main/?state=WA> to easily access your local papers. And let us know if your letter is published! Send a link to [info@artsedwashington.org](mailto:info@artsedwashington.org).

### **If you are a PARENT, you can:**

- Go to a School Board and/or PTSA meeting. Tell them about the Governor's proclamation. Invite them to endorse it with a Board Resolution or make a similar commitment to mark the week in their school district.
- Make sure your school, principal and teachers know about the week.
- Make a significant commitment to increase the arts education in your community during the next 51 weeks.
- Visit your local Barnes & Noble and browse the arts education book recommendations provided by ArtsEd Washington. Find something to add to your bookshelf!

### **If you are a TEACHER or PRINCIPAL, you can:**

- Promote Arts Education Week in your family newsletters.
- If your school has an arts event that week, inform your audience that it is part of the Arts Education Week celebration and mention it in your program. Copy the Arts Education Week logo from [www.arts.wa.gov](http://www.arts.wa.gov).
- Download the Governor's Proclamation from [www.arts.wa.gov](http://www.arts.wa.gov) and have a teacher, principal, or student read it at a school event.
- Celebrate the collective efforts that bring the arts to your school by recognizing and appreciating those who are significant to the work.
- Invite students and parents to submit letters to the school newspaper or bulletin, or speak at a school event, about why arts education is important to them.
- Arrange for a student group to perform in a public venue. Suggestions include: City Hall, your local library, at a school board meeting, at your local mall, or your nearest Barnes & Noble.
- Ask a local business to display student art, or better yet, get several businesses to do it and have an Art Walk!
- Make a significant commitment to increase the arts education in your school during the next 51 weeks.

**If you are a SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, you can:**

- Put Arts Education on your agenda for May; use the Governor's proclamation as an opportunity to address arts education successes and needs in your district.
- Propose a matching declaration for Arts Education Week in your school board.
- Ensure all the schools in your district know about the week.
- Post all Arts Education Week activities on the district website.
- Make an ongoing commitment to examine and increase the district's emphasis on the arts during the following 51 weeks.

**If you are an ARTS ORGANIZATION, you can:**

- Mention Arts Education Week in your curtain speeches – use the sample language posted on [www.arts.wa.gov](http://www.arts.wa.gov) as a guide.
- Add an insert to your program. You are welcome to download the logo.
- Make sure your Board is informed! Put it on the board meeting agenda for May.
- Do something extra for a school you are connected with: offer teachers a free class, give free or reduced tickets to a show, or reach out to a school you don't currently work with.
- Make a significant commitment to increase the arts education in your community during the next 51 weeks.

**If you are a LOCAL ARTS AGENCY, you can:**

- Have your city make a similar proclamation for May 14-20. Remember to let us know!
- Make sure the schools and arts organizations in your region know about Arts Education Week. Post it on your website, mention it in city newsletters and at city events and use your circulation list to contact arts organizations. This is a great reason to make personal contact with your local school principals!
- Facilitate a local performance by local students at a public venue in your city. Possibilities include: city hall, library, local Barnes & Noble or other stores, at your local mall, at a school board meeting.
- Go to a School Board meeting. Tell them about the Governor's proclamation and your city's intention to make a similar commitment. Invite them to endorse with a Board Resolution or make a similar commitment to make the week in their school district.
- Find a way to mark the week in your community to celebrate the difference the arts make as part of a complete education and make a commitment within your LAA to increase your commitment to arts education in the following 51 weeks!

***For More Information:***

ArtsEd Washington: [www.artsedwashington.org](http://www.artsedwashington.org)

Washington State Arts Commission (WSAC): [www.arts.wa.gov](http://www.arts.wa.gov)

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI): [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us)